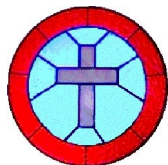


Florence United Methodist Church



November Newsletter



CAROL'S COMMENTS

I've been thinking...about

God's long-term preferred future for Florence United Methodist Church and the results from our time together on Homecoming afternoon. In preparation for pondering God's call to us now and in the future, I believe we need to understand the Mission of the Church, our rationale as United Methodists for that Mission, and our process for carrying out that Mission:

+ The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world;

+...by proclaiming the good news of God's grace and by exemplifying Jesus' command to love God and love neighbor, thus seeking the fulfillment of God's reign and realm in the world. The fulfillment of God's reign and realm in the world is the vision Scripture holds before us...Jesus' words in Matthew provide the Church with our mission: "Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I've commanded you", and "You

must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, and with all your mind... You must love your neighbor as yourself"... This mission is our grace-filled response to the Reign of God in the world announced by Jesus. God's grace is active everywhere, at all times, carrying out the purpose as revealed in the Bible;

+We make disciples as we:

- proclaim the gospel, seek, welcome, and gather persons into the body of Christ;
- lead persons to commit their lives to God through baptism...
- nurture persons through Christian living...
- send persons into the world to live lovingly and justly as servants of Christ by healing the sick; feeding the hungry; caring for the stranger; freeing the oppressed; being and becoming a compassionate, caring presence; and working to develop social structures that are consistent with the gospel; and
- continue the mission of seeking, welcoming, and gathering persons into the community of the body of Christ. (*from Paragraphs 120,121 & 122 of the 2016 Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*)

For our on-going pondering and discernment, I offer these 3 questions:

1. Given our Mission as a denomination, are we called by God to be the United Methodist presence in Florence, and beyond, now and in the future? Why or why not?
2. What are the needs and hurts of our community?
3. As you consider all that is expressed in our Mission as United Methodists and the needs and hurts of the local community, what are we called by God to address?

Summarizing the responses to the questions by those gathered on Homecoming afternoon:

1. **UM presence:** “Yes”, but what might it look like in the future, with who might we be in partnership?
2. **Needs/hurts of community:**
hunger homelessness depression
bullying child care transportation
services for: seniors mental health
youth children
parenting support
jobs that pay a living wage year around
housing that is affordable and safe
abuse cycles in families
cycles of poverty
LCC lacks AA program on campus
3. **Called by God to address:**
The needs of younger families
The hungry
Emergency cold weather shelter
The church is about people, the building
needs to enable ministry
The need to Be informed, Be involved. Be a voice

Questions which emerged included:

What is Florence going to look like in the future?
What is already going on?
If we had more money, how would we spend it?
If we got more money, what would be the source?

How might we partner with others?

With who might we share space, mission, vision, etc.?

My assignment to everyone is to pray: for discernment, for vision.

If you were unable to participate in the conversations during Homecoming, or if you did and have more to offer, elsewhere in the newsletter the questions are listed; answer them and mail the sheet to the church. Or put your responses in an email.

As we celebrated the first 35 years of Florence United Methodist Church at Homecoming with stories and memories of the past and received five new members, may we indeed move into God’s long-term preferred hope for our future! God’s Spirit moves among all of us, offering wisdom, counsel and guidance. God’s grace is active everywhere, at all times, carrying out the purpose as revealed in the Bible.

Grace, Vision and Hope,

Rev Carol

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and Contacts:***

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Sunday Worship

Sunday Services: 10:30 a.m. on the
1st Sunday of each month, and
9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on all other
Sundays of each month

Children's Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Adult Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.

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Music Director: Rhianna Haines

Newsletter Editor: Diane McCalmont

Ministers: All Members



Keeping in Our Prayers

Dick & Carol Johnson; John & Suzanne Pohlman's grandson, Cyrrus; Gerry & Nancy Cedarleaf-Grey; John & Lyla Hyder; John Miller; Myrna Sullivan and husband, David; and Connie Farmer.

We ask God's blessing on these people and those in need, but not named. Soldiers everywhere in the world and those who wait for them to come home.

Note: On the last page of the UMW yearbook, as well as the inside back cover of the Church Directory, the Prayer Chain is listed. To receive the electronic prayer chain, contact rayfeay@hotmail.com.



DON'T FORGET...
TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK
AN HOUR ON SUNDAY,
NOV. 5!



United
Methodist
Women

FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

UMWomen News

On Thursday, November 2 at 1:30 p.m., the United Methodist Women will come together in the Tedd Powell Hall. Hostesses for the day are Georgia Garrett and Kim Holden. Devotions will be led by Renee' Hansen, and Donna Embree has a book review. UMW officers for 2018 will be elected.

The World Thank Offering box is to be turned in with the collected coins and dollars used to ensure that mission projects can continue around the globe. The theme for the program is "Sacred Space of Sharing Food". In lieu of the "box," a check to UMW is acceptable. Do attend.

Final preparations for the Country Store and Luncheon on November 4th will be made.

During the **month of November**, United Methodist Women are promoting a drive to bring in **non-edible items to help out Food Share**. In previous years, several hundred pounds of paper products, laundry/bar/dish soap, cleaning supplies, shampoo and deodorant, and adult/children's diapers were received, all items not covered with an Oregon Trail Card. Pet food is also needed.



The entire church family is invited to take part in this outreach to the community. A clearly marked receptacle will be found at church for your donation. Thank you.

Jean Hefty



Any and all men are invited each
Thursday morning at 8:00 a.m.
to a no-host breakfast at
Kathleen & Nina's.



Annual Country Store & Luncheon

United Methodist Women, and friends, are preparing baked goodies, jam/jelly, candy, art, crafts, and gift baskets for the pre-holiday Country Store on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Rada cutlery will be available for purchase or order.

Lunch is offered from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm with the "full meal deal" at \$8, providing a choice of Minnesota wild rice or taco soup plus homemade bread, pie, and beverage. Ala carte items will also be available.

Set-up is the day before, between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm. Please bring items to be sold with a suggested selling price.

This annual sale helps to support programs benefiting women, children and youth.

Jean Hefty



PFLAG Hosts a Sock Hop November 14



Remember the Sock Hop?

Join us at our regular time for a decidedly non-regular meeting Tuesday, Nov. 14, at 6:30 p.m. at Lane Community College-Florence, Room 158.

Dress up in whatever decade's outfit was your favorite, and put in a request with deejay (and president) Jane Hudson for the dance music of your choice. We'd say "cut a rug," but you'd have to bring your own.

Sign up for another year of membership, invite friends, have some great "goodies," share your story, and take a look at our collection of free literature and lending library of books and DVDs.

As always, the event is free and open to the public.

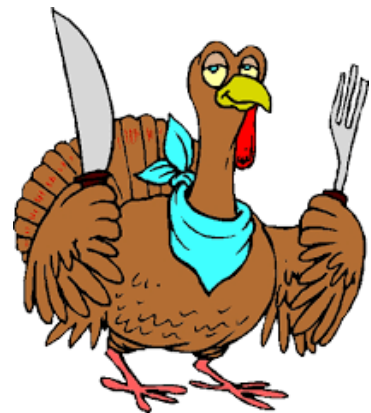
Linda Yoder, Secretary

Hear Yee, Hear Yee, Hear Yee!


**The Florence United Methodist Church
Thanksgiving potluck is scheduled for
Wednesday, November 15, at 5:30 pm.**

This is the 3rd Wednesday!!!

**A sign-up sheet will be circulated in church.
Bring your family, friends, and neighbors...
it's our best potluck of the year!**



NOVEM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
			1 UMW Craft Workshop 10-12	2 UMMen 8 a Women's Covenant t Office Hours 9:00-12 Free Lunch 11:30-12 UMWomen 1:30-3:00 Choir Practice 5:15-6 Meditation Group 5:
5 TURN CLOCKS BACK Adult Sun School 9:00 am Worship/Communion 10:30 am Children's Sunday School during 10:30 service	6 S.B.I.P. Mtg 6:30-8:30	7 Office Hours 10 am-1 pm Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 A.A. Meeting 5-6	8 Prayer Shawl Ministry 10- Noon	9 UMMen 8 Women's Covenant t Office Hours 9:00-12 Free Lunch 11:30-12 Trustee's meeting 3 Choir Practice 5:15-6 Meditation Group 5: Finance Committee
12 Adult Sun School 9:00 am Worship 9:00 & 10:30 am Children's Sunday School during 10:30 service	13 S.B.I.P. Mtg 6:30-8:30	14 Office Hours 10 am-1 pm Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 A.A. Meeting 5-6 PFLAG 6:30	15 Thanksgiving Potluck 5:30 pm	16 UMMen 8 a Women's Covenant t Office Hours 9:00-12 Free Lunch 11:30-12 Choir Practice 5:15-6 Meditation Group 5:
19 Adult Sun School 9:00 am Worship 9:00 & 10:30 am Children's Sunday School during 10:30 service Confirmation Class after the 2nd service	20 S.B.I.P. Mtg 6:30-8:30 Community Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service 7:00 pm	21 Office Hours 10 am-1 pm Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 A.A. Meeting 5-6	22 Prayer Shawl Ministry 10- Noon	23  <i>Happy Thanks To You And You</i>
26 Adult Sun School 9:00 am Worship 9:00 & 10:30 am Children's Sunday School during 10:30 service	27 S.B.I.P. Mtg 6:30-8:30	28 Office Hours 10 am-1 pm Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 A.A. Meeting 5-6	29 Community Supper at FUMC 5:30-6:30	30 UMMen 8 Women's Covenant t Office Hours 9:00-12 Free Lunch 11:30-12 Choir Practice 5:15-6 Meditation Group 5:

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Birthdays

- 2 Colleen Fulmer
- 3 Alex Goss
- 4 Sandy Woodward
- 8 Bob Hefty
- 14 Eleanor Hand
- 23 Carol Johnson
- 24 Fritz Keller
- 26 Carol Salisbury
- 26 Leah Goodwin
- 30 Peggy Wilson

Anniversaries

- 11 Rick & Bonnie Kelley
- 26 Tom & Stephanie Gonser



Serving in November

Date	Time	Liturgist	Usher/ Greeter	Kid's Time	Coffee Hosts	Sunday School Teachers
Nov 5	10:30	Linda Yoder	Pat Balzell & Aaron Gallegos	Carol Salisbury		Diane McCalmont
Nov 12	9:00				The Schniepps & Caroline Mesman	
	10:30			Linda Yoder	Ditto	Renee' Hansen
Nov 19	9:00		Georgia Garrett		Renee' Hansen	
	10:30					Trisha Holden
Nov 26	9:00					
	10:30			Reverend Carol	The Hands	Sabrina Hand

Florence United Methodist Church FINANCES



September 2017:
Receipts: \$8,531.59
Expenses: \$5,106.46

Through October 22, 2017:
Receipts: \$11,307.75
(\$6,000 designated for UMCOR)

Provided by Todd Smitherman

New Members received Sunday, October 22:

*Liz Johnson
Myrna Lee Sullivan
Teresa Jackson
Pat Balzell
Roger Johnson*



Giving Tuesday

On Nov. 28, you will have the opportunity to once again “Connect Your Passion with God’s Mission” to address the needs in the world today.

What project or missionary will you support this year? Through The Advance, you can choose from more than 300 United Methodist missionaries and 600 United Methodist-related projects worldwide. From disaster relief to feeding the hungry to improving the quality of life of women and children around the world, you are sure to find a project that feeds your passion.

As always, 100 percent of your gift to The Advance goes directly to the project of your choice.

You might consider getting friends and family involved by asking them to make an early Christmas gift in your honor to your favorite Advance project or missionary on Nov. 28. You can also make a gift in honor of those on your Christmas list.

A copy of the Advance Catalog is available in the church office for you to consider projects from around the world and in 21 states.

To give electronically, on November 28, go to www.umcmmission.org/givingtuesday; you’ll be taken to the Giving Tuesday page on the Global Ministries website; under Give, click on

Search For Project, enter the project or missionary and make your donation. Or if you would like, write a check, put it in the offering basket, indicate the Project name and number on the memo line; it will move through the process arriving at the project, or missionary you have selected!



This November 28
**CONNECT YOUR PASSION
WITH GOD’S MISSION**
UMC #GIVINGTUESDAY

 **GLOBAL MINISTRIES**
The United Methodist Church

 **The Advance**

ROVING REPORTERS REVISIT SOUTHWESTERN DESERT

For more than two decades we've spent time in the same small desert community of Borrego Springs, CA during the winter season. It lies about 60 miles east of San Diego, and theoretically has a population of some 3,500 residents. However a large portion of the population lives elsewhere during the summer months, when temperatures in the surrounding Anza Borrego Desert routinely top 110 degrees. In contrast the winter climate is pleasantly sunny and warm. Our church home there is the Borrego Community UMC. With an influx of snowbirds, attendance is brisk in winter months. But sparse in the hot summer months. We found this photo of the sign in front of the church from this past summer which tells the full story!



Tom & Stephanie Gonser

FREE LUNCH RELATED

From Cindy Hughes...

Thanks to those who submitted recipes for our Free Lunch project. The booklet is all done and ready to go! If you have been hesitating about cooking for Free Lunch, or if you are already cooking and need new ideas, see Cindy Orr for your copy of the "Free Lunch Soup Cookbook". It is packed with ideas. Some of the yummy recipes serve 4-6. Simply multiply the ingredients to feed the 20 or so folks who dine with us on Tuesday and Thursday. But many of the recipes yield enough for a crowd. One will serve 40! If you have any questions, or would be interested in helping with Free Lunch in any capacity, give Cindy a call at 1-908-752-5546.



Church Attendance in October:

1st: 62

8th: 61

15th: 63

22nd: 57

29th: NA

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